



OREAD Newsletter

July 1985

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Tan y Wyddfa Working Party

June 29/30

Keith Gregson

It's time once again to drum up volunteers for the Welsh Hut Improvement Programme (WHIMP!). Over the last couple of years these working parties have been very well attended and have been successful not only in terms of the jobs accomplished but also as social club occasions. We look forward to yet another enjoyable 'do'. Jobs to be done include plastering, decorating, repointing ridge tiles, hanging new fire doors, etc., etc.. If you come, there'll be something for you.

Please get in touch with me to co-ordinate lifts, beds, etc., either at the Rowing Club or on Derby 792147.

Wildcat

July 3

Weather permitting, let's have a good turn-out on what is probably the most popular Oread crag - good training for loose rock for all those Oreads heading for the Alps (almost as good as Beeston!).

Yorkshire Dales

July 6/7

Keith Gregson

Another opportunity to sample the 'alternative Dales'. There's no point preaching to the converted but for those who have never sampled the area, I should point out that the only advantages that the Yorkshire Dales have over Derbyshire are that they are bigger, better and quieter. Don't take my word for it - I'm biased - ask one of the thirty-odd who turned up last year.

The venue once again will be the campsite at Hawswick Cote which is approximately 2 miles up Littondale from its junction with Wharfedale. The campsite has all facilities (without being continental) including showers, a small shop for vegetables etc, and the camping area is mowed (not grazed!). The cost last year was £1.00 per night for adults and 50p for children with no additional charge for cars, bikes, prams, jousting tents, etc..

To get there, follow the main road up Wharfedale through Threshfield and Kilnsey, then turn left after 1 mile towards Arncliffe. The campsite is obvious on the left after a couple of miles. The journey from Derby should take approximately 2 hours, or 3 weeks if Larkam is involved!

There is climbing of all grades to be found within easy walking distance on Hawswick Crag and Blue Scar and of course Malham, Gordale and Kilnsey are within ten minutes drive. A visit to Attermire Scar should also be on the itinerary, if only for the walk and the fact that it overlooks the hole of

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Lancashire; thus avoiding any necessity to sample it at closer hand. (Note: Brindle will doubtless suffer one of his irrepressible urges to avoid daylight and mount an attack on the Tykonian infra-structure. A certain amount of sympathy is to be extended since having had the misfortune to be born in a hole it must be difficult to kick the habit. The disease is contagious, however, and therefore I feel compelled to issue a warning about standing around the campsite looking disorganised. In particular, beware the approaching dirty anorak with salacious talk of rubberwear and wet rags!).

The fell-walking possibilities are almost infinite, with Pen-y-Ghent, Fountains Fell, Fitch Fell, Langstrothdale and Great Whernside all on the tentflap. For the sons of suction I can recommend the Falcon at Arncliffe, the Tennants Arms (good food as well) at Kilnsey, the Bluebell (Egon Ronay) at Kettlewell, and the Inns at Litton, Buckden, and Hubberholme. The round trip should satisfy most tastes!

The area has something for everyone, so let's have a big turnout. Come on out to play, all you Oreads, here's an opportunity to see something different and have a good old get-together. If you want any more info., give me a ring on Derby 792147 or see me at the Rowing Club. I look forward to seeing you all either at the campsite or in the Tennants Arms at Kilnsey on the Friday night.

Ladies Leading Meet

July 13/14

Gail Searby

To all the Ladies of the Oread - this is your Meet. Whether you've never climbed before and want to have a go, or haven't climbed for ages, or want to improve your leading, this is the Meet to set your sights on.

We are meeting at Froggatt on the Saturday and Birchens on the Sunday (unless there is a rebellion in the camp!). There is plenty of climbing at all grades, so that we can all go home with something to be proud of. Saturday night will be spent at Heathy Lea. If you give me definite numbers, I will arrange a communal meal. Also, on Saturday, the "Live Aid Charity Concert" is being broadcast on the radio, so I will bring my music centre along for those who wish to listen/bop.

Those coming for Sunday only, I recommend calling in to Heathy Lea first. Men are welcome on this Meet but I ask them to respect the fact that it is a Ladies Leading Meet, so don't steal the show lads unless you are prepared to wear drag! All those who are going, try to see me or Gil (in drag!) at the Rowing Club or phone 553672 and I will co-ordinate transport, etc..

Alps 1985 - Zinal (Val d'Annivers)

July 20 ---

Ian Brindle

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things; and in particular the fact that Spring has been cancelled and the Alpine Meet is upon us". The peaks of the Zinal area beckon; the Dent Blanche, Ober Gabelhorn, Zinalrothorn, Weisshorn, Grand Cornier, etc, etc..

A concensus view, based on the Swiss Tourist Board information on prices, has emerged; the camp site near St.Jean (alt. 1245 m.) has it. The prices are: adult 2.80, child 1.80, tax 0.30, car 1.00, tent 1.50. For the benefit of the autumn addicts the last date given for this site to be open is 30.8.85. The Zinal site is open until the 15.9.85 and the St. Luc site until 30.9.85.

The guide book to the area is Pennine Alps Central. Maps for the area are 1:25,000 Evolene 1327, Matterhorn 1347 and/or 1:50,000 Arolla 283.

Advance Notice: Photo MeetOctober 19Robin Beadle

The categories for this year's Photo Meet will, as usual, be: Action U.K., Aesthetic U.K., Action Abroad, Aesthetic Abroad, plus the infamous Club Interest section which is "judged" independently by the President. Ken Wilson will preside over the main contest, and he has stressed that he will be looking for informal pictures capturing those magical moments in mountaineering/climbing/walking that mean so much years afterwards. The timeless snap of lasting value is what's required, on the same lines as the "Climbers World" section for Kendal '85. Plenty of warning then for those of you who'll be taking your cameras on the hill this summer, but also for the well established club member to dig out some of the golden oldies. Ken put in a firm request for an airing of some of the hoary Oread "Old Masters".

Advance Notice: Annual DinnerNovember 23Reg Squires

The Club's most formal occasion will this year be held at a new and very promising venue, the Callow Park Country Club. Meeting old criteria of being out of town but not excessively distant, with much character, it also offers a highly rated cuisine.

Not quite a typical mountain centre but Black Rocks, Rainster and Harborough are within walking distance, Cratcliffe and Willersley but a short drive. A walk on the Sunday to the "Gate" is a foregone conclusion.

The licence runs to 2.00 am and those whose ability to return home may be impaired can pitch tent or caravan on site. There are also chalets, depending on state of bookings, and hotel accomodation nearby, and possibly at the club if booking is completed in time. The facilities include Sunday use of the sauna, showers, swimming pool, bar and restaurant - Decadence indeed! With time to spare on the night, the committee are considering laying on music, as background and for dancing, but without obtruding on the normal polite and restrained conversation which is a well-known feature of the after-dinner Oread. Rumour has it that more traditional entertainments may also be provided. The menu will be a mouth-watering 5 courses (with options for vegetarians), and only the first 120 lucky applicants will be allotted places. Advance book the date now!

ALPINE INSURANCERon Sant

Will those members who wish to apply for the B.M.C. Insurance through the Club please note that the completed forms must be returned to Ron Sant by the 30th JUNE, AT THE LATEST in order to allow time for them to be processed.

Hut Bookings (incorporating a sob story!)Fred Phillips

Fred Phillips, our Hut Booking Secretary, wishes to apologise to Members who may recently have experienced some difficulty in contacting him. Fred explains that he has become an unfortunate victim of the BIG R. In consequence, Fred further states, he has been reduced to a miserable pauper existence to the serious disadvantage of his expense account tastes in very old Malt Whisky and fine cuisine. Accordingly, Fred has spent a great deal of time pursuing his employment prospects in such great areas of industrial and commercial activity as Appletreewick, Langdale and Glencoe. Sadly, these heroic efforts have been in vain which is why Fred will shortly undertake an extensive 6 week survey of his prospects in that area around and adjacent to Chamonix. Accordingly, those Members anxious to secure guaranteed places at Tan-y-Wyddfa during the holiday period should notify the Hut Booking Secretary in writing, SOON.

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In the meantime, Fred can rest assured that he enjoys the profound sympathy of all Members in his most unfortunate situation. Cards of commiseration, etc, as well as, of course, Hut Bookings to Fred at 1 Sun Lane, Crich, Matlock, Derbys..

Buying Gear for the Alps - then, read on

As a concession to certain elements within the Oread, Derby Mountain Centre is extending the 10% discount that it grants to Oread members to 15% for the week 8th to 13th July inclusive, on purchases which have a gross value of £50 or more. The discount will not apply to books, maps and special offers, and members are requested to produce proof of Oread membership (this latter because i. not all of the staff may actually know who you are, and ii. it might even induce a few more to pay this year's subscription!). You may of course assume that it is purely coincidental that this item follows the previous one (!).

Meets List 1986

John O'Reilly

Yes, now is the time to start thinking about the Meets you would like on next year's Meets List. A number of the more popular venues are already booked, particularly those requiring the booking of a sought-after Hut. However, there are of course still plenty of free weekends so if you want to lead a Meet to a specific area, let me know when and where - if you do not want to lead a Meet, but would like to see a certain area on the Meets List, please also get in touch. You are being given plenty of warning to ensure that the next Meets List is the one that you want and not just the ideas of a select few - I fully expect to be swamped with offers and ideas!

In order to increase the use of Heathy Lea, if anyone is a Member of another club could they please entertain the possibility of a Joint Meet at the Derbyshire Hut - this has worked well in the past and would undoubtedly add more interest to the Meets which will be scheduled for Heathy Lea in 1986. If you think you can help on this one, again please get in touch.

Membership

Applications for Full Membership have been received from Tony Hinks and Roger Penlington. Would anyone with any comments on the suitability of the applicants please forward them to the Hon.Secretary.

Venues for AUGUST Meets are as follows (Full details next Newsletter)

August 18	AGDEN ROCHER	Meet Leader: Ron Sant
August 24/25	ST.DAVID'S, PEMBROKE	Meet Leader: Les Peel
August 31/1 Sept	GOGARTH	Meet Leader: Paul Gardner

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